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RAIDER DAY AT FIFTH THIRD FIELD
MAY 3, 2019 BY JAMIE PENWELL

On Sunday, May 12, Fifth Third Field, home of the Dayton Dragons, will be hosting their second Wright State University "Raider Day."

The Wright State Raiders baseball team will be taking on rival Northern Kentucky University (NKU) Norse at 1 p.m during a full nine-inning game. Gates will open at noon.

"It's [Raider Day] a unique opportunity to watch one of the best teams in the Midwest play in a beautiful pro ballpark," said Alex Sogard, Wright State head baseball coach.

Tickets to this event are free but attendees must have a ticket to get into the ballpark. To request tickets, go to daytondragons.com/raiderday. Tickets can be requested online through Saturday, May 11.

Dayton Dragons mascots Heater and Gem, four Green Team members and Wright State mascot Rowdy Raider will be at the ballpark to entertain fans. The Green Team will greet fans with balloon animals and colored hairspray, will escort the mascots around the ballpark and will perform a few entertainment skits between innings.

Since May 12 is Mother's Day, the first 500 mothers into the ballpark will be given a special pink Dragons hat.

There will also be some inflatables, carnival games and concession stands open.

Fifth Third Field is located at 220 N. Patterson Blvd. Dayton, Ohio 45402. Street parking is available around the ballpark and meters are free on weekends.

On last year's Raider Day, the Raiders won 12-0. The Norse had four hits and three errors whereas the Raiders had 11 hits and zero errors. There were 1,837 fans in attendance and the game lasted almost three hours, according to the Wright State Athletics website.

On the day of the event, there will be extra tickets at the ticket table outside the main gates of the ballpark. If you requested tickets online before Thursday, May 2, your tickets will be mailed to you. If you request them online after Thursday, May 2, you will pick them up at the ticket table.

FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT TO TAKE PLACE AT WRIGHT STATE
MAY 8, 2019 BY SARAH CAVENDER

The Wright State Nutter Center will be the grounds for the first ever Festival of Flight on Saturday October 5.

Festival of Flight will be a celebration of flight and highlighting the importance of the Miami Valley's aviation history.

This event will be sponsored by the City of Fairborn, Wright State University, and the Wright State Alumni Association, according to the release. It is also partnering with Dayton Regional STEM School, the Miami Valley Restaurant Association, National Aviation Heritage Alliance, the National Aviation Hall of Fame and participation by National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

This event is free and open to the public, according to the release it is expected to draw between 10,000 to 12,000 attendees.

"We are the birthplace of aviation; Wright State is named in honor of the Wright brothers; Huffman Prairie is in the heart of Fairborn," said Greg Scharer, executive director of alumni relations at Wright State. "The Festival of Flight is a celebration of something our community takes pride in and will help make even more members of the public aware of the importance of aviation to our community."

Those that attend will have an opportunity to fly in one of the flight simulators from the National Museum of U.S. Air Force. There will also be a drone and robotics competition held, a model of the Wright B Flyer and flight themed food and drinks. According to the release there will also be live music, activities for all ages and a haunted trail.

To learn more about the Festival of Flight at FestivalOfFlight.org.

WRIGHT STATE CELEBRATES SPRING COMMENCEMENT

MAY 9, 2019 BY SARAH CAVENDER

On May 4 Wright State students, families, friends and faculty gathered at the Nutter Center to celebrate spring commencement. With nearly 2,000 graduates, the ages ranged from 19 to 70 and ranged from across Ohio, the country and the world.

Wright State University President, Cheryl Schrader addressed the graduating class and their achievements while attending WSU.

“Class of 2019, each of you has left your own unique mark on our Wright State family and community,” said Schrader.

During the ceremony, the great grandniece of Wilbur and Orville Wright, Amanda Wright Lane was given an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

“Earlier I mentioned that Uncles Orv and Will knew you,” Wright Lane said. “They were always looking at the horizon when they flew, they always saw promise in what was ahead. Uncle Will stated, ‘We have seen the future, and it is magnificent, only let us hurry and open all roads.’ He saw you. The Wright brothers saw you. They saw the boundaries you will break with an avalanche of ideas that you haven’t even had yet.”

Lane is active within the Wright State community, a co-chair to the Rise. Shine. Campaign several years ago and currently the co-chair of Discover Your Story, the campaign for the WSU Archives Center.

The ceremony awarded around 22 associate degrees, 1,457 bachelor’s degrees, 592 master’s and 25 doctoral degrees to graduating Raiders.

This semester’s ceremony had graduates come from 63 Ohio counties and 27 different states across the country. There were also over 140 international students from 34 different nations.

Lake Campus held a ceremony on May 2 at Romer’s Catering in Celina, Ohio.

College Graduates Breakdown (provided by the WSU Newsroom):

College of Education and Human Services: 372

College of Engineering and Computer Science: 410

College of Liberal Arts: 487

College of Nursing and Health: 110

College of Science and Mathematics: 311

Raj Soin College of Business: 314

Boonshoft School of Medicine: 31 (master's degree only)

Lake Campus: 47

DAYTON'S NOT DEAD: K&J'S ICE CREAM SHOP
MAY 15, 2019 BY SHELBY PRENGER

On April 14th, Wright State student, James Curlis, opened his family owned ice cream shop in his home town of Sydney, Ohio.

K&J's Ice Cream Shop is located at 150 W Russell Rd in Sidney Ohio. You can also find them on social at Instagram, @kjsicecream.

"My mom, dad, grandma, and grandpa came together and decided to be the co-owners of K&J's ice cream," says Curlis. "Every weekend since January, I would drive up north to Sydney. Which is about 30 miles north from here, and do construction on the inside of the building and go to ice cream conventions."

Curlis explained at an ice cream convention, there are a variety of distributors for both food and machinery.

"It felt like a job fair," Curlis said. "I went from vendor to vendor, hearing what they were offering, how much their product was and where they were located."

It was a dream of his mom's to open an ice cream shop, and it was a dream of Curlis's since he was young to be an entrepreneur.

"My mom always thought that it would be something fun to do, and I always wanted to be my own boss," says Curlis.

Curlis says that working with family has been an extremely positive experience for him.

"We're all close, even though I know a lot of people say 'never work with family' when it comes to running a business," says Curlis. "It's helped that my dad previously owned a pharmacy. I've grown up being around a business and business owners. He's taught me a lot about how to manage and stuff. I don't really view it as a family affair, I see it as a business affair."

As a member of Student Government, a business service assistant in the Student Union, and as an intramural official for basketball, soccer and volleyball, Curlis balanced all of his extra curriculums on top of opening a business.

However, Curlis says that the most challenging part of it all wasn't necessarily time management but setting up the store itself.

"Getting all of the machines in, making sure you pass state regulations, there's a lot you have to get approved before you even open your doors," says Curlis. "Everybody said 'you're opening

the week you're gonna be so busy, you aren't gonna even know what to do', but that wasn't near as difficult as trying to make sure everything was prepped. I had never really worked in food, so this was all brand new to me."

They are open from 11 am to 9 pm Monday through Saturday, and from 12 to 8 pm on Sunday.

TORNADO DESTRUCTION THROUGHOUT MIAMI VALLEY, WRIGHT STATE AND
COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER TO HELP
JUNE 3, 2019 BY SARAH CAVENDER

Memorial Day weekend has been marked as a historical weather weekend for parts of the Miami Valley and Ohio. The National Weather Service confirmed 15 tornadoes that struck parts of Greene, Montgomery, Auglaize and Darke Counties.

Hundreds have been left without homes and businesses are picking up the pieces after roofs were torn off and debris causing massive damage.

Wright State University and the rest of the community have begun the clean up and began uniting together to assist families and those in need. A boil advisory throughout the region has left a need for water and supplies.

Haitham Shtaieh, from Hospitality Services at Wright State went out to several impacted areas with water and supplied free meals to residents. Chartwells hosted an event to feed residents affected in the Spicer Heights neighborhood.

"It was such a great event for Chartwells and Wright State," Shtaieh said. "The appreciation that we received from the residents was overwhelming! It was extra special for me because my kids joined me and it's the Holy month of Ramadan and we were all fasting."

Chartwells fed over 250 people according to Shtaieh and gave away two set of 50 case water over the course of two days.

Wright State University President Cheryl Schrader sent out a campus wide email on May 29 to inform the community of a relief fund that was established.

"We were fortunate that our Dayton and Lake campuses were spared major damage, but I know that many in Raider Country were impacted; some even lost their homes. In challenging times, we come together and support one another. I know that many in our Wright State family want to help," Schrader said. "I have already witnessed our Wright State community coming together and taking action. We opened up a residence hall to our students, faculty, and staff who needed emergency accommodations."

Wright State Alumni Association's established the Wright State Disaster Relief Fund on May 29 to assist those in need.

According to the website, "by reducing these financial burdens, we seek to provide peace and relief to our Wright State family during this difficult time. Seeing the destruction in Dayton and the surrounding Raider and Laker Country is devastating, but with your help we can rebuild."

It has since received over \$17,000 in donations. More information can be found at Wright State Disaster Relief Fund.

Members of the Raider community helped those in Beavercreek and Trotwood in cleaning up debris and removing trees. Students from Student Government Association, H2O Church WSU, 4 Paws for Ability, Lambda Chi Alpha, Wright State Housing, Women's Soccer, Men's Baseball, and many others gathered together to meet at different locations.

The Wright State Women's Center has opened up their personal care pantry to all students, staff, and faculty in need. Those on campus can stop by for items such as deodorant, shampoo, soap, and feminine hygiene products.

Wright State housing is also offering a place for displaced families at no cost through June 12. According to Dan Berstos, Director for Residence Life and Housing, there are about 30 individuals who are currently living in Hamilton, with about half being faculty with families, and the rest are students.

Emergency housing is still available for WSU students, faculty & staff in Hamilton Hall. They will be providing sheets, blankets, pillows & towels.

Those in need should call Residence Life & Housing at 937-775-4172.

"Hospitality Services offered them lunch yesterday, and may be doing more in the future, but nothing is certain at this time. They also partnered with Pepsi to provide bottled water to crews in the area clearing debris & restoring services," said Berstos.

311 AND DIRTY HEADS KICK-OFF NATIONAL TOUR IN DAYTON JULY 19, 2019 BY PAIGE COBOS

On Tuesday, July 2, rock bands 311 and Dirty Heads made Dayton the launch point of their summer-long tour across the nation.

Along for the ride were three other amazing acts that each brought a different flavor of the season to enthrall the crowd.

First off was a Bikini Trill, a young but confidently cool band straight out of Los Angeles, California.

Mixing with a surfer chill sound and a riot girl presentation, they quickly earned new fans with their infectious new single "Lost Boy" and the breezy "Need You" from their new EP- Nah, Pull Over! Winning the crowd with their easy-going personalities, the young band quickly set the tone for the evening.

Next in the five-part event was the charismatic male trio, Dreamers. From both Brooklyn, New York and Los Angeles, the all-male trio brought a pop-rock edge that was fresh but had just a hint of old school about them.

Mixed with a sense of chemical-induced joy and summertime ho headedness,

Dreamers made the live debut of their scorchingly catchy single "Vampire in the Sun". Ramping up the energy of the crowd as the summer heat raged on, Dreamers left a lasting impression. The Interrupters quickly accelerated the late afternoon energy. The ska punk group from L.A gave an unapologetic yet shamelessly fun command of the crowd. Lighting up the crowd with their new rough and ready hit "She's Kerosene" and their trademark classic "Take Back the Power".

As the evening setting sun made itself clear in the humid sky, Dirty Heads took the stage. Basking in its heat. From Huntington Beach, California this ragtag bunch wielded a certain power with their unique sound of reggae rock and hip-hop.

Their performance was inlaid with hits both old and new such as "Medusa" and "Celebrate".

The humidity brought on by the lowering sun became less vicious as Dirty Heads held the complete attention of the crowd.

The grand finale of the night was 311. Accompanied by a psychedelic light show, the Omaha Nebraska group brought the night's energy to a satisfying climax.

The thirty-year-old band painted The Rose Music Center in bold colors that complimented every song on their roster. From their classic hit “Amber” to their fresh off the press single “Crossfire”, their fury and dream tripping style were still rolling at high speed.

Just in time to ring in the savage summer heat, the 311 and company brought a little bit of the west coast summer. Proving that even in the Midwest, the spirit of California is alive and well in everyone.

MIAMI VALLEY MOURNS AFTER DEADLY OREGON DISTRICT SHOOTING AUGUST 5, 2019 BY SARAH CAVENDER

In the early hours of Sunday August 4, hundreds in downtown Dayton's historic Oregon District took cover or fled as shooting broke out.

The gunfire lasted for less than a minute on East Fifth Street in downtown Dayton, 27 people were injured and 9 people were killed. One person was shot and killed in the alley next to Blind Bobs.

The suspected gunman, Connor Betts, 24, was wearing a bullet proof vest and mask. He was shot and killed just outside the door of Ned Peppers Bar.

The victims included Lois Oglesby, Nicholas Cumer, Logan Turner, Thomas McNichols, Derrick Fudge, Monica Brickhouse, Saheed Saleh, Beatrice Warren-Curtis and Bett's sister Megan Betts.

"Our heart goes out to all those impacted by the horrific event that occurred earlier this morning in Dayton," Provost Sue Edwards said in a mass communication email Sunday morning. "the quick action of the Dayton Police Department brought an end to something that most assuredly could have been much worse."

Megan Bett's was a current student at Wright State majoring in Earth and environmental sciences according to university officials.

"The loss of any student, particularly one in such a tragic and senseless manner, can generate sadness, anger, and frustration," said Dr. Gary Dickstein, Interim Vice Provost for Student Affairs.

In the communication email by Provost Edwards, counseling services will be available for students, faculty and staff.

"Students can seek confidential support services through Counseling and Wellness Services at 053 Student Union or by calling 937-775-3407. Also available is our Raider Cares Phone Service/Crisis Text Line. Raider Cares is Counseling and Wellness Services' 24-hour crisis phone service. You can reach the Raider Cares Line by calling 833-848-1765 (TTY: 314-485-4345). Additionally, you also have access to a Crisis Text Line that offers 24-hour, seven-day per week text contact with trained crisis counselors. You can reach them by texting "LISTEN" to 741-741. The Crisis Text Line is NOT affiliated with Counseling and Wellness Services or Wright State."

"In addition, counseling services are available for faculty and staff through the Employee Assistance Program. Call (800) 227-6007 or visit the Impact Solutions website at <http://www.myimpactsolution.com/>. Use member username: wsufsap."

There will be a vigil held in the Student Union Atrium at 1pm on Monday August 5.

PROVOST EDWARDS: OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS TO UNIFY
AUGUST 6, 2019 BY SARAH CAVENDER

Raiders and community members gathered in the atrium of the Student Union on Monday afternoon to remember Megan Betts one of the victims of the Oregon District shooting that took place on Sunday morning at 1:14 a.m.

Interim Vice Provost Dr. Gary Dickstein opened the vigil with reading the names of the victims that died in the shooting.

"Acts of violence like this tend to invoke very strong emotion," Dickstein said. "Anger, sadness, frustration, just to name a few. As a member of both the Oregon District and the Wright State community, I find myself experiencing many of these emotions as well."

Over 200 people from the campus community attended the event, students, community members, administrators, a board of trustee member and staff and faculty were present. People sat around the podium, stood where they could and filed around the upper level staircase and ledge.

"Today as many of us struggle with making sense of what seems to be an incomprehensible act, one we are becoming all too familiar with, I will ask you to remember a couple of things. There is absolutely strength in numbers, we are much stronger united than we are divided. Please do not let us be divided by words and actions of others, we continue to work together to make our community a better place. If not for us than for who will follow."

Dickstein ended his speech with a quote by Owen Henry James.

"Owen Henry James said there are three things in life that are important; the first is to be kind," Dickstein said. "The second is to be kind. Can anyone guess what the third is? To be kind."

Dr. Kimberly Warrick followed with a performance of Saving Grace. Warrick is the coordinator of vocal studies at Wright State. Bett's was a member of the choir on campus.

"We mourn the loss of nine individuals who were just out enjoying a Saturday night," Provost Susan Edwards said. "In particular we are here to remember Megan, who was one of our own."

The provost thanked the first responders and those that were quick to help during the active shooting in the Oregon District early Sunday morning.

"At 22, she had her whole life ahead of her. She was studying environmental science and her colleagues are here to support her. She was hoping to make a change and make a difference in our lives. She was going to be an influencer of that change," Edwards said.

Edwards continued by reminding those in the community that have been impacted by the shooting to support one another and check in on friends and family.

Faculty senate president, Laura Luehrmann thanked the community who were present but also recognized those who were not.

"We also know there are many more in our community who gather with us in spirit," Luehrmann said. "Who are either unable to be with us today because they are out of town, or for whom such a public gathering in a time of such tremendous tragedy is too painful. And we think of them in this moment as well."

Luehrmann also thanked the first responders for their heroic acts and prevented the shooting from being much worse.

"As faculty we are each living our vocation, to work with the bright young minds, with whom we are so fortunate to interact," Luehrmann said. "Gatherings like today, are not at all on our mind when we choose to live out our call as educators, yet here we are."

She then gave a call to the community to have the difficult conversations and support one another.

A prayer was done by Father Ethan Moore from Wright State's Catholic Campus Ministry.

"I'm reminded of the words from the gospel of Matthew, which says come to me all you who are wavered and burdened and I will give you rest. It is true we are burdened with this grief and our hearts ache in the loss of Megan and in this place in which we find ourselves as a city and as a university."

The vigil ended with a speech by Student Government Association President, Ivan Mallett.

"The events that took place this past weekend is a sobering reminder that these events are not just things we see that other people have to deal with," Mallett said. "This weekend we are forced to recognize that it can happen to anyone of us, anywhere. We have to recognize that names we see on TV and in newspapers can sometimes be our friends, our classmates and our students."

Mallett ended the vigil by reminding his community to support one another and check on friends during this time.

"I pray that Megan finds the peace that she was robbed of," Mallett said.

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WRIGHT STATE FACULTY AND STAFF REMEMBER MEGAN BETTS
AUGUST 8, 2019 BY SARAH CAVENDER

"It is hard to think of coming back to rehearsals without Megan," Dr. James Tipps, Wright State professor of music and conductor of university chorus said when reflecting on having Megan Betts as a student. "She was an absolute joy to work with, and she made a very positive difference in our lives."

It has been less than a week since the Oregon District mass shooting, resulting in the loss of nine lives and injuring dozens. On the morning of August 4 around 1 a.m., 24-year-old Connor Betts walked down East Fifth Street in downtown Dayton and fired around 40 shots before he was shot by Dayton Police in the doorway of Ned Peppers bar.

Megan was one of the nine fatally shot that morning. She was a senior at Wright State University majoring in Earth and Environmental Sciences.

Described by her teachers as a kind and outgoing student, she left an impact on the lives she touched.

"We're all shocked and dismayed. I extend my deepest sympathy to those who've spent time nurturing her as one of 'ours'," Dr. Chad R. Hammerschmidt, professor and interim chair of earth & environmental sciences said. "May we all find ways to support each other, and our other students."

She was also involved in Wright State's choir, for three and a half years she added choir courses to her schedule.

"She is what great choirs are made of," Tipps said. "She loved to make music, and though she was an Earth and Environmental Sciences major, she always worked her schedule to sing with chorus."

According to Tipps, Megan had a long background of music, performing in her high school choir and playing trumpet in the high school band.

"Megan had a good, strong voice and absolutely loved singing the lowest alto parts, frequently volunteering to "help out" the tenors. (She really loved singing those low notes.) She was a good musician, and was chosen to sing in small groups and some solo work on more than one occasion," Tipps said.

She particularly enjoyed doing large works, notably Mendelssohn's Elijah and the Fauré Requiem, according to Tipps.

"I loved seeing her face when she would say, 'We really nailed that!'" Tipps said referring to choir classes. "Megan really didn't like to do choreography that might be put in with a choral piece. I remember her saying, 'I'm not going to drop out over this, but I would seriously think about it.'" And then laughed."

Tipps described Megan as funny, quick to laugh, and "spoke the language of mild sarcasm fluently."

"Megan was very social, and never one for cliques. She was a welcoming person to new singers, particularly those who were in her alto section. She really made friends quickly," Tipps said.

Several of Megan's professors wished to remain anonymous when interviewed according to Seth Bauguess, Wright State's Office of Communications Director.

One of her earth and environmental sciences lecturers shared with Bauguess that Megan was a friendly, soft spoken young woman who had a passion for the environment.

"Megan worked well with her fellow classmates and contributed thoughtful insight to discussions. I believe she would have been successful in her chosen career field. Other EES faculty shared she was dedicated to her studies and openly displayed her enthusiasm for Earth & Environmental Sciences. It is truly a sad loss to the EES Department. We will miss Megan. My condolences go out to her family and friends," according to the lecturer.

According to Bauguess, another employee at Wright State who gave Megan academic guidance and served as an instructor for her, said she was an engaged student and sat at the front of the class.

"She showed an eagerness to participate. She earned an A. The class was called Process Geomorphology," according to Bauguess.

In an email communication with Bauguess the employee said Megan dearly loved the Glen Helen Nature Preserve in Yellow Springs.

"It was the focus of a project and presentation she produced for that class. This summer she was seeking ideas for research projects and they both were in agreement that her love for Glen Helen suggested that a project centering on it would be a good fit for her. Glen Helen has many geological features and she was in the early stages, the conceptual part really, of producing some kind of geological field guide for the area," the lecturer said.

On Wednesday President Cheryl Schrader, who is currently in Italy with the WSU basketball team, sent out a communication email to the Wright State Community addressing the Oregon District shooting and the loss of a student.

“Here in Italy our men’s basketball team, support staff, faculty, and supporters are representing Wright State University and honoring earth and environmental sciences student Megan Betts, who lost her life in the shooting. Like you, we are somber yet resolute in our determination to help define #WrightStateStrong and #DaytonStrong during these terrible circumstances.” Schrader reminded the campus community that through this tragedy counseling services are offered for students, faculty and staff.

“It is important to understand that for some of us, it will take time to reconcile the emotions we are experiencing. We must remember and remind each other that it is not a weakness to ask for help. Wright State is supporting you and wants to help. You need only to reach out and we will be there,” Schrader said.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

AUGUST 26, 2019 BY SARAH CAVENDER

The stars have a week of emotions and surprises in store for you. Check out your weekly horoscopes for August 26 through August 31.

ARIES

Have your thoughts been racing recently dear Aries? It may be difficult to achieve transcendental meditation right now due to the high winds on your ruling planet Mars. Take time on Thursday to find a quiet place to sit and be still. Silence is good for the soul. Watch out for Saturday as a storm is brewing in your social circles. Your friends look to you for leadership and advice, remember it's okay to say no this week.

TAURUS

Why so stressed Taurus! You may be awaiting an opportunity to come through in your professional life; a promotion or new job maybe? Don't be afraid to pursue your goals confidently, starting Tuesday the stars are aligned for you. Make those big moves you've been putting off for too long. They will soon pay off.

GEMINI

Has your love life been caught in a rut recently Gemini? Maybe you've been looking for love in all the wrong coffee shops. The Moon is playful this week and that could cause a shake up in your relationships. There may be a someone in your life you didn't expect to be more than a friend that will sweep you off your feet this weekend. Keep your mind open and your heart ready.

CANCER

Even the stars can't always predict your ever changing life dear Cancer. Your sign seeks comfort and stability in life but this week it might get thrown through a change you are not expecting. Take these changes with a positive attitude and you will see down the road it will make sense.

LEO

You have no problem strutting your mane Leo but often times your fellow water signs don't know how to handle it. Take a back seat in the lime light this week to hear other people's voices, you may learn something new! The weekend has an air of mystery, take caution on windy roads and foggy nights. On Saturday spend time with good friends and family, conversations will flow easily.

VIRGO

Jupiter is stirring up your social circles this week Virgo! Don't worry though, this is a great time to approach a problem even if it is small. Conversations will flow easily and comfortably as you meet new people. You might find your new crew this weekend in a bookstore!

LIBRA

Libra a strange new star has shown up in your skies. This could be literal, scientists are still trying to figure out what they're seeing, or it could be metaphorical. Like this strange new star, new people may be coming in to your life now. Keep an open mind as conversations flow easily this week.

SCORPIO

Your lucky color this week is tan dear Scorpio! Splash some different shades of tan into your wardrobe throughout the week. This will be a busy time for you as schedules change and new commitments pop up! As the weekend gets closer plans begin to form for long term endeavors and goals. Start by making a list of how to reach them, then go from there. You are so driven Scorpio that you can accomplish these by simply starting with a plan.

SAGITTARIUS

Your planner is becoming overwhelmingly full Sagittarius! The universe is sending you some positive vibes so fear not. You will start the week feeling motivated and ready to go! As the weekend approaches, friends and acquaintances will have plans to help remind you the importance of having fun. Conversations will be light and cheery, all the things you need right now!

CAPRICORN

As the week starts out you will feel a burst of motivation and positive vibes. Carry this attitude with you throughout the week and weekend. Your lists of tasks will decrease and your plans with friends will be more carefree. There's a new moon approaching which will influence some new shifts in your life. Has there been a vacation you've been dreaming about taking? The universe is encouraging you to go.

AQUARIUS

Now is not the time to binge watch The Office again dear Aquarius. Early in the week you will set your to do list and by the end of the week you will feel much more accomplished. Someone in your life who seemed like an acquaintance may become more by the end of the weekend. You two will discover more common interests which could make for lighthearted conversations. Don't allow the stresses of life to bring you down, the spring season is encouraging good change!

PISCES

Love is in the air dear Pisces. You may meet someone soon who shares a lot of similar interests as you. Wear lots of stripes this week, but not plaid, it will allow the universe to channel these lovely vibes your way. As the weekend approaches the stars encourage you to get that to do list done. You will enjoy your days off much more once it is.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR: WELCOME BACK RAIDERS!
AUGUST 26, 2019 BY SARAH CAVENDER

Welcome class of 2023 and all that are returning this week!

It's so great to see the campus come alive for the fall semester. We have so much to look forward to not just this week but also this semester. A reminder that Fall Fest is going to be this weekend as well as many, many other events this week. I encourage my Raider community to not only attend but also get involved!

Our student life at Wright State is absolutely incredible and I can not say enough positive things about the student leaders and organizations here.

The last six months have been difficult for our campus community and our Dayton community, as we start a new semester I hope this is the start of a new chapter.

Our organization itself will begin a new chapter starting this semester as well. We are all excited to announce not only new faces on the G's team but also a new name.

From the beginning of our existence we have maintained Guardian in our name in some way. From being a print publication to moving to digital, we will continue to hold Guardian in our brand.

As we continue to explore and grow as a digital publication we will begin incorporating new departments and areas such as a weekly show, developing social media and marketing strategies, and producing audio podcasts.

We have also changed locations for the first time in decades as an organization, this change was not something we had anticipated but we plan to continue to operate and grow as our organization continues to change.

I want to reiterate the need for our university officials, staff and faculty to allow students to voice their opinions and thoughts. During Take Flight, a weekend long student leadership retreat, this past summer, it was apparent how many encouraging and wonderful ideas students have.

A recurring theme of the last six months on our path to healing and recovery as a school and community is trust and communication.

Students have these changes and ideas that can make an impact for the better on our campus because they are experiencing Wright State. I hope that as we embark on this new semester after all we've been through we can begin uniting as one community. By uniting we need to learn to hear one another instead of dismissing one another.

Here's to a new semester, a new academic year Raiders. You are all capable of doing so much and changing the world.

THE WRIGHT STATE GUARDIAN EMBRACES A NEW CHAPTER AUGUST 27, 2019 BY MARISSA COUCH

The Wright State Guardian Media Group welcomes new changes and embraces a new chapter starting this fall semester. Here's what you need to know about Wright State University's oldest student organizations and is the only student-led news publication on campus.

"There are lots of changes at The Guardian this year. New space, new faces, new opportunities. 2019-2020 is going to be a great year for Wright State University and I know The Guardian will capture it all," said Debbie Lamp, The Wright State Guardian's advisor. The Guardian recently partnered with FlyteDesk, a third-party company that will help increase on-campus advertising.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how it all works. I think we have a really good staff this year. I have a lot of hope for moving into a new space, into a new name and just an overall new chapter for our organization's history," said Sarah Cavender, Editor in Chief for The Wright State Guardian.

The Wright State Guardian changed its name to embrace the digital aspect the publication has moved towards since they stopped printing in 2017. Prior to switching to an all-digital format, the organization was known as a print publication, reaching across campus and beyond.

"We printed several thousand copies and every Wednesday we would drop them in different spots on campus. I had a class that required you to read The Guardian and The New York Times. That's how I became familiar with The Guardian," said Cavender.

The new semester also brings a new office space, only a few steps away from the previous location. They are now located in 015 SU.

As an addition to the new office space, The Guardian has made room for a media space and recording studio and has purchased new equipment. The Wright State Guardian plans to revive The Guardian Spot, a YouTube channel started last semester.

The organization has welcomed several new staff members to the team, such as the Business Manager, Dylan Collison; News Editor, Marissa Couch; Social Media Manager, Shelby Prenger; reporters, Natalie Cunningham, Alexis Wisler and Laci Wells; and Staff Photographer, Jessica Fugett.

Collison has been very involved in the changes to The Wright State Guardian. Due to his prior involvement on campus and familiarity with Wright State's finances, collaborations with other organizations and establishing partnerships has become prominent in his role.

“I was hired as business manager when it was just ‘The Guardian’ with the idea of really expanding what we’ve done in the past and finding new ways to find success,” said Collison. Collison’s goals are to expand his role as business manager to make sure it is more involved than before and focus more on engagement, ad revenue and The Wright State Guardian’s message to campus.

“I’m kind of giving the canvas and letting everyone else flourish from there. I really want to provide the opportunity and let our organization do the best it can in our situation,” Collison said.

WRIGHT STATE LIBRARY GETS A NEW UPGRADE AUGUST 27, 2019 BY MARISSA COUCH

Many changes have taken place at Wright State University's Paul Laurence Dunbar Library over the summer. After receiving funding from the state during 2018, the process of renovating the facility finished up in the last few months.

Computers have been updated and more power outlets and USB ports have been added to tabletops, making the environment much more technologically accessible for studying purposes. Printing is now available on more floors, and there are more quiet areas with computer access.

The installment of new carpet kicked off the changes during December 2018 while classes were out of session.

Sue Polanka, university librarian, has been at Dunbar Library for 15 years.

"Before the big transition this year, any work that we had done was in a certain area. Like let's work on the group study room on the first floor. Or let's work on the fourth floor. Unfortunately, when you do it that way, nothing matches. We had seven or eight different types of carpeting throughout the building," said Polanka.

Lots of research went into the project. The library invested in several types of assessments. Through the Office of Institutional Research, questionnaires and surveys were compiled to pinpoint what students wanted.

"We had about 1200 responses to the email we sent out, a really good response rate it. It was very even across all years, across all genders, across all majors, schools and colleges, it was very obvious what they wanted so we worked on those top ten things," said Polanka.

All of the studies are made available to the public through the library's CORE Scholar database. The publication and research were completed by staff members Mandy Shannon, Donna Bobb, Phil Flynn, Sue Polanka, Bette Sydelko and Matthew Shreffler.

"The carpet was in, but we had all old furniture. Then the furniture arrived the day after graduation. The Sunday after graduation, the movers were here to get the furniture out. That's the way we have to do it here, we have to go on break times," said Polanka.

Summer break was the perfect chance to start the moving process. Majority of the furniture was replaced with newer, more fitting pieces to increase comfortably. This was also a chance to move office spaces and provide more private study rooms for students to book.

"The bookings on those rooms have skyrocketed. It's amazing how much use those rooms are getting. We used to have four and now we have thirteen. People love them," said Polanka.

“We have a lot of resources at the library,” said Lexi Rakovan, office worker. “The whiteboards and study areas, we have library staff on hand that can help with all sorts of questions, even the

online ask box on the website that directly messages a librarian. We also have skeletons and bone boxes for medical students. There’s also a lot of computers so there’s usually at least one open for someone to use. It’s a great place to study with friends or find a quiet corner to get work done.”

After taking time to study the needs of students, Polanka and Rakovan are looking forward to the semester and the opportunities these renovations will bring in.

FALL FEST 2019: 'EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED'
AUGUST 28, 2019 BY ALEXIS WISLER

"Expect the unexpected," said University Activities Board Director of Excursions Jeffrey Shehee about this year's Fall Fest.

Fall Fest will be held on Aug. 30 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. outside the Student Union, giving students a chance to get involved on campus.

"It's important that students take away what Wright State has to offer," said Shehee.

Over 130 student organizations are signed up to attend along with several food trucks and local vendors. Student organizations attending Fall Fest this year include Greek life, philanthropic groups, academic and major-related clubs, spirituality-based groups, and athletic and recreational clubs. Food trucks attending are Kona Ice, Hunger Paynes and Zombie Dogz.

"[Fall Fest] is primarily a huge source of networking for incoming students and upperclassmen as well," said Shehee.

Fall Fest does not solely benefit incoming students; returning students get another opportunity to find organizations to join. Student organizations attending also benefit from Fall Fest, as excited students become new members.

"Over the last five-to-ten years, we've averaged anywhere from 190 to 225 student organizations," said Vice Provost of Student Affairs Dr. Gary Dickstein. "Every year, we have new student organizations that are created."

At Fall Fest, students can learn about student organizations, listen to a live DJ, grab a bite from one, or all, of the food trucks and have fun on the inflatables, all while meeting new people.

INCLUSIVE ACCESS INTEGRATED INTO OVER 100 COURSES AUGUST 28, 2019 BY SHADDIA QASEM

As a new semester starts at Wright State University, new and returning students are surfing the web searching different places to buy textbooks.

In the works since 2017, the Inclusive Courseware program, which will involve over 100 courses, has moved on from the pilot stage to the full-on implementation stage. As an inclusive access initiative to save students money on textbooks, students can look forward to a smaller bill than expected. If their course is included in the program, students will pay only a fee that covers materials used for the class, which will replace the price of a textbook.

“[Students will] appreciate, realize and enjoy the benefits of higher education. One of the biggest barriers to of getting a college degree is the cost that’s associated with it,” said Dr. Dan Krane, chair of Ohio Faculty Council, interim dean of Lake Campus and professor of biological sciences. “By doing something that significantly reduces the cost makes it easier for citizens of Ohio to get college degrees. That’s what I’m after: to help more people enjoy the benefits of a college education.”

With other colleges following in its footsteps, WSU is setting a great example on the best way to save money for its students.

“This program, since its implementation, has already saved students at Wright State over one million dollars, and that number will increase as more courses join the inclusive access model,” said Ivan Mallett, president of the Student Government Association.

Aside from Wright State’s bookstore, other retail stores offer a plethora of textbook options for students. This includes Half Price Books, Barnes & Noble and online options like Amazon and eBay.

Although the campus bookstore is operated by Barnes & Noble, coupons, deals and rewards are offered on more items than textbooks.

Half Price Books offers a wide variety of textbooks ranging from undergraduate, graduate, professional, scholarly/associate and vocational/technical. One of the great things about this store is the option to sell your books.

WRIGHT STATE FRESHMEN NEED-TO-KNOWS AUGUST 29, 2019 BY SHADDIA QASEM

It is important for freshmen and new students to know about the many opportunities that Wright State University provides.

General access to campus recreational (rec) facilities like the climbing gym, fitness classes and workout facilities are free for all students.

Fitness programs of over 30 classes include cycling, Zumba, hip-hop dance classes, water aerobics, TRX, yoga and circuit training, along with intramural sports. All classes are free for students, except intramural sports, which require a team fee.

The campus rec also offers Healthy Haven, a club dedicated to promoting healthy lifestyles. Nutritionists often visit campus and an off-site yoga retreat is included.

"Intramural sports are a great way to meet people [and] interact. People sometimes become fearful of [having not played a sport before]; it doesn't matter, that's what intramural sports are all about," said Billy Willis, Program Director of Campus Recreation.

Higher-level club sports, which often compete at universities across the country, are also offered. Club sports that compete include club bowling, football, gymnastics, ultimate frisbee and the dance and cheer teams.

If you are looking to get involved, sport clubs like football, women's volleyball, baseball, competitive cheer, competitive dance, softball, women's soccer and bowling will be having tryouts.

There are also sports, like the fencing team, that are laid back and do not focus on competing.

The Outdoor Resource Center oversees the climbing wall and low ropes course, and plans trips around the country. Snowshoeing in New Mexico, sea kayaking in the Florida Everglades, ice climbing in northern Michigan and visiting the Grand Canyon are among the opportunities offered through the Outdoor Resource Center.

Local trips to John Bryan State Park and Five Rivers MetroParks for kayaking, biking, backpacking and rock climbing are also included.

Fun events include the homecoming football game, canoe battleship and innertube water polo.

Students can work at the rec center. Most positions like intramural sport officials, outdoor recreation, fitness center and working at the rec desk are no-experience-needed, except for a lifeguard, which requires a lifeguard certification.

“It can be overwhelming, but we are welcoming. If you need help, our staff is there to help you with a smile on their face. The community that utilize our facility and spaces are fantastic about helping others and motivating [them] to achieve whatever goal that person wants to achieve,” said Willis.

Keep up with the rec center’s social media through their Facebook, Wright State University Campus Recreation, and Snapchat, Twitter and Instagram @wrightstrec.

At the rec center, there is something for everyone.

Along with campus recreation activities, students can also benefit from the many things that Student Involvement & Leadership offers.

“Everyone can benefit from co-curricular activities! Involvement leads to a well-rounded student with leadership experience and experience working with a [diverse group of people]. Simply put, co-curricular involvement makes you employable! Besides, it makes college life fun and memorable,” said Debbie Lamp, associate director of Student Involvement & Leadership. With almost 200 organizations, there is something for everybody.

“[Organizations include] club sport organizations, fraternities and sororities, honoraries, special interest groups, cultural organizations, faith-based groups, academic-oriented groups and service organizations,” said Lamp.

If you are a leader, or working to become a leader, opportunities like Raider Camp and Take Flight take place toward the end of the year.

“Students can simply walk into our office and say they want to get involved and we’ll work with them to find a few groups that they would enjoy,” said Lamp.

Visit Engage to learn about organizations and download the CORQ app to find upcoming events and service opportunities.

WRIGHT STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WELCOMES TWO NEW FACES AND NEW
STUDENT TRUSTEE
AUGUST 29, 2019 BY NATALIE CUNNINGHAM

Wright State University's Board of Trustees recently gained three members: Andrew Platt, Marty Grunder and Olivia Sneary.

Platt is a 2009 Wright State graduate. According to Wright State University, he has been appointed for a term starting July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2028. He is replacing Anuj Goyal. Platt is managing director and financial advisor at Northwestern Mutual Dayton.

Platt has a bachelor's degree in finance. He served on the Wright State Alumni Association Board from 2013 to 2016.

He is a member of the Wright State Robert S. Oelman Society and is a lifetime member of the Alumni Association: a network for Wright State alum to connect with each other and find career opportunities.

"It is an extreme honor to be appointed to the Board of Trustees by Governor DeWine. As a proud Wright State alum, I care deeply about the University and am eager to serve. I owe much of where I am today because of the experiences and relationships that Wright State afforded," said Platt.

Grunder is replacing C.D. Moore II.

Moore's term was designated to end June 30, 2024, but he has taken a new job out of state with strenuous travel requirements. Moore stepped down effective June 16, 2019, according to Wright State University.

Grunder is the president and CEO of Grunder Landscaping Company. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration. His company won Better Business Bureau's Eclipse Integrity Award in 2003 and 2008. He received the Ohio Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award twice and was awarded the Young Entrepreneur of the Year for the Midwest.

"I am honored to be on the Board of Trustees for Wright State University. As a life-long member of the Dayton community, I have seen and continue to see the impact Wright State has on Dayton, Ohio. To be able to help Wright State thrive and grow is a challenge I relish. Go Raiders!" said Grunder.

Sneary is a 2019 Wright State graduate and is currently continuing her education at the Boonshoft School of Medicine. According to Wright State University, her term begins July 1, 2019 and ends June 30, 2021. She is replacing Wright State Student Austin Rains.

The term for a student trustee is two years.

Sneary has a bachelor's degree in biology with a concentration in applied physiology. During her undergraduate studies, Sneary worked as a President's Ambassador for two years. She also served as the Chief Operating Office for the President's Ambassador Program. She was president of the Wright State University organization Love Your Melon.

As a student Board of Trustees member, Sneary is responsible for understanding the content of Board of Trustees meetings and attending meetings.

She is part of the Medicine Committee and the Academic Affairs and Enrollment Committee.

Sneary hopes to accomplish and facilitate growth at Wright State and relieve stress and worry from students.

"It is an honor. Being appointed means that I am trusted to serve as a liaison, communicating thoughts and feelings of the students to the board. I feel like this is a great way to be involved throughout medical school while also giving back to the university," said Sneary.

THE WRIGHT WAY TO SAVE
AUGUST 30, 2019 BY LACI WELLS

“The Wright1 Card is more than just another card that goes in your wallet,” said Logan Magoto, a junior at Wright State University.

The Wright1 Card is Wright State’s most underrated resource; students are often unaware of the benefits that come with a Wright1 Card.

Students can load their Wright1 Card with Dining Dollars that can be used to purchase food at any on-campus restaurant.

Raidercash can also be held on Wright1 Cards for vending machine and bookstore buys.

“The Wright1 Card is more than an ID, it is used for door access, fitness center access, library card, meal plans and prepaid stored value debit,” said Steve Adams, associate director in Wright1 and vending services.

When it comes to campus accessibility, Wright1 Cards allow students to gain access to multiple doors. The card allows dorm entry, fitness center privilege and library resources.

“I have used my Wright1 Card to checkout a laptop from the library once when I forgot mine. I have also used it to get into different rooms on campus for classes. Lastly, I have used it to purchase food at all of the various on-campus options,” said Magoto.

Off-campus specials are just as helpful to students. Many off-campus merchants offer a 5 percent discount when students use their Raidercash. These include Arby’s, McDonald’s, Subway, Panera and Domino’s Pizza.

“I have gotten a discount at Gigi’s cupcakes and Panera Bread. The discount I received was 5 percent off my total purchase,” said Magoto. “Commuter students don’t realize that the Wright1 Card allows you to take advantage of combo meal deals [via Dining Dollars or Raider Cash] at the dining facilities on campus that cash and credit card can’t access.”

Discounts can stray further than local merchants. Cincinnati Premium outlets offer student discounts within their stores when the card is displayed. The Kate Spade store has given an additional 10 percent off of the total cost of a handbag.

Your Wright1 Card is indeed more than a piece of plastic.

AUDITIONS FOR SURROUND SOUND APPROACHING AUGUST 30, 2019 BY JAMIE PENWELL

Surround Sound, Wright State University's show choir, will be holding auditions for the 2019-2020 school year Sept. 9-12. Auditionees will audition for a small panel of around four people.

Students of all majors are welcome to audition.

"I'm there to better you and your skills as a musician even if it's not something you want to do as your career," said Rett Genatempo, Surround Sound's founder and director. "If you're looking to get more into music programs but you aren't necessarily just into singing and you want to do some dancing, that's literally in our description."

Here are the need to know dates:

Dance auditions – September 9:

There will be two groups: one from 5-6pm and another from 7-8pm. Auditionees will learn around 12 eight-counts of choreography then will be split into small groups to perform the routine.

Vocal auditions – September 10 & 11:

Auditionees will choose a 5-minute audition slot between 5:30-8pm on either day to perform 2-3 minutes of a Broadway song in professional attire. The song must be memorized and they need to either play the soundtrack on a phone or have a guitarist or pianist accompany them; there will be no a cappella auditions.

Combo auditions – September 12:

Auditionees will perform a set piece of music, which can be found on Surround Sound's website, during an audition slot from 7-8:30pm. The sheet music can be used during the audition.

Current members will be re-auditioning with new auditionees.

"We are an extremely welcoming community that's always looking for new people," said Genatempo. "It's a completely new community that you get to be a part of and actually build yourself."

Surround Sound is looking to perform a preview of their show at this year's Raiderthon. They will be performing at Loveland High School's competition and most likely at Ross High School's competition in the winter.

For more information, visit Surround Sound's website and Engage page.